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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ALFERNESS ET AL. Examiner: B. SZMAL
Serial No.: 09/880,576 Group Art Unit: 3736
Filed: JUNE 13, 2001 Docket No.: 11998.5USC2
Title: CARDIAC DISEASE TREATMENT AND DEVICE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 15, 2006, said period of response being extended from November 15, 2006 to February 15, 2006.

Our check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

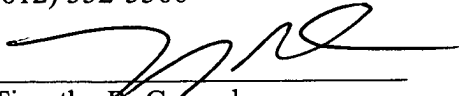
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